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STATE PRINTING SHOWS FRAUD

The Claims, It is Asserted, Were Unapproved by the State Board of Affairs.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 24.—Charges that illegal warrants to the amount of \$21,790.00 against the maintenance appropriation for the department of the state printer were drawn and paid between January 9, 1911, and November 21, 1912, are made in a report on the state printing fund, made public Monday by State Inspector and Examiner Fred Parkinson. The investigation of the fund was made by the state examiner and inspector at the written request of Governor Leo Cruce. The warrants, it is stated, were unapproved by the state board of affairs.

In his report of claims paid by State Auditor Leo Meyer, without approval of the state board of affairs, Examiner Parkinson sets forth that \$15,439.39 was for alleged expenses connected with the publication of the Oklahoma "Red Book." The "Red Book" is an historical work of Oklahoma, in two volumes, of which 2,000 were printed in paper binding and 1,000 in cloth binding. Warrants for the unapproved claims in connection with the publication of the "Red Book" were as follows:

Expenses incurred by the state printer and his assistants, \$7,939.39; Democrat Publishing company, Tulsa, Okla., \$4,500; Democrat Publishing company, Tulsa, Okla., \$3,000.

The other unapproved warrants were issued as follows: Leo Meyer, publishing notices of meetings of state board of equalization, \$88.61; R. J. Edwards, printing public building bonds, \$94.45; Leader Printing company, Guthrie, Okla., printing 30,000 press bulletins and supplements thereto, \$612.10; Leader Printing company, Guthrie, Okla., for printing 3,500 constitutions, legislative printing and treasurer's reports, \$5,555.95; total, \$21,790.50.

Warrants Are Missing.
Of the state printer's accounts, the report sets forth that in the files of the state auditor's office he claims for \$1,500 cannot be found.

Of the Democrat Printing company's claims, the report says that \$2,500 worth of claims cannot be found in the files of the state auditor's office.

In the report it is stated that the total cost of publishing the Oklahoma Red Book was \$18,169.98, and of that amount \$15,439.39 was paid by State Auditor Leo Meyer, without the claims having been first approved by the board of public affairs.

Referring to a claim of \$2,130.50 allowed the Leader Printing company, the report says:

"This claim appears to have been approved by R. J. Allen, chairman state board of public affairs, however, the signature of approval is attached to said claim with a rubber stamp. The claim shows that it was approved on the ninth day of November, 1910; that it was sworn to on the fourteenth day of November, 1910 by L. C. Nickel. The claim further shows that it was checked and approved for the sum of \$2,130.50 by Giles W. Farris. At the time the claim purports to have been approved by R. J. Allen, chairman of the board of public affairs, Giles W. Farris was not the state printer, and was not authorized to approve claims against the state of Oklahoma prior to January 9, 1911. The records in the office of the board of public affairs do not show this claim to have been audited and approved on the ninth day of November, 1910, nor does the record show the claim ever was audited and allowed by said board. The number on the claim is that same number given a claim of the Walton Lumber company which has no relation to the claim in question. The warrant issued in payment of said claims were not receipted for on the warrant register; the register shows the said warrants to have been mailed. The order on the claim directing the auditor to mail said warrant was not signed by the claimant."

Comment on Other Warrants.
The report then considers twenty warrants issued by State Auditor Leo Meyer, and makes comments as follows:

"Leader Printing company, \$612.10; this claim is excessive for one month's printing of the bulletin for the reason that the annual appropriation is only \$1,200, and was paid from the print-

ing fund instead of the fund appropriated for the purpose."

"Leader company, printing 3,500 constitutions. Said constitutions apparently were furnished in June, 1910, but the claim bears date of May 15, 1910, was sworn to November 15, 1911, and was approved by State Printer Giles W. Farris after January 9, 1911, but was audited and approved by the state auditor December 1, 1911. The gross discrepancies in the dates is evidence of the irregularity of the claim."

A warrant issued in favor of the Leader company, for which, the report alleges, there is no requisition on file in the office of the board of affairs for goods furnished under the purported claim, is expected to be examined by Parkinson on the grounds that the claim bears date of June 9, 1910, was sworn to October 3, 1910, and was approved by Giles W. Farris, state printer, subsequent to January 9, 1911, and shows to have been audited by the state auditor November 17, 1911. Examiner Parkinson makes the comment, "The gross discrepancies in the dates is evidence of the irregularity of the claim."

MUST PATRONIZE THE GRAND THEATRE

If you wish Vinita to stay on the map in the theatrical line and have first class attractions play here its up to you to patronize the following three attractions: "Madame Sherry," December 27th; "The Prince of Tonight," January 19th; Al G. Fields Minstrels, March 6th. Have received notice from the American Theatrical Exchange of New York that if the above attractions lose money here they positively will not book any more large attractions, that carry 35 to 50 people and one and two cars of scenery into Vinita. "Mutt & Jeff" and Al G. Fields were the only two large attractions that have played Vinita in the past year that didn't lose money. The Sheehan Opera Co., last season played to a loss of over \$100, also "The Flirting Princess," and the best show that played here last season, "The Heart Breakers" played to a loss of \$200 for the company and \$65 loss to the theatre. We have a great number of attractions booked for the balance of this season but the three that deserve your patronage are "Madame Sherry," "The Prince of Tonight" and Al G. Fields Minstrels. Patronize these shows if you don't any of the others. DAN MYERS.

Pretty Christmas Wedding.

Bluejacket, Okla., Dec. 24.—A nice home wedding took place at the residence of W. S. Maloney on Sunday evening, December 22. Miss Nellie G. Maloney, the 19 year old daughter of W. S. Maloney, was united in marriage to A. B. Lenier, 26, of Valley View, Tex. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. L. Russell of the Baptist church. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. I. N. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Roesbaum, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Masters, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Harrison, Mrs. Trueblood, Grandma Campbell, Mr. Charles Murdock of Muskogee, Miss Ethel Lenier of Valley View, Tex., the Misses Esther and Clara Wilson, Miss Fern Howell, Miss Josie Wheatley, Mrs. J. M. Hudson, Mrs. C. C. Young, Messrs. Earl Russell, Jas. Wheatley, Richard Wheatley, Earl Odell, and home folks. Many useful and pretty presents were made to the bride and groom and a bountiful supper was served. The young couple will make their home at Valley View, Tex., during the coming year. After the wedding feast was served some fine piano and vocal music was rendered by Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Rosebaum and Mrs. Lenier. Mrs. Lenier is noted as one of the very best sopranos in Craig county and she will be greatly missed at the Baptist church. The entire company wished the newly-weds all kinds of good luck in their future life.

NOTICE.

The 13th of January, 1913, will be the opening of the second semester of the city schools at which date all pupils that have become of school age since September may enter. All patrons that have children falling under the above conditions should start them in at once as this will close Friday evening the 19th of January, allowing only one week for beginners to enter.

Don't forget to report needy families in your neighborhood to the Good Fellows.

THE SPIRIT OF YULETIDE GOODFELLOWS FIND ALL

The Vinita Good Fellows. Who are they? Many deserving poor in Vinita will be made happy tonight by the generous spirit of this new society. The feeling of good fellowship has never more deeply taken hold of the people of our town than at this Yuletide. The churches, societies and lodges have generously provided for the deserving ones within their respective circles, and the Good Fellows for the needs and pleasures of those outside of the ties of such Christian and secular organizations. These Good Fellows have made it possible that all may rejoice in the feelings of "Peace on earth and good will toward men," in our little city. The Good Fellows have sought out every nook and corner in our city where misfortune and want has been unwelcome guests and brought the spirit of good cheer and joy through generous donations of provisions, candies, clothing and toys. Vinita has always been good to her poor and unfortunate, but never has her citizens responded so generously to the spirit of the times as they did yesterday in giving to this worthy cause, and today in distributing these gifts to the deserving needy. Out of all the business men solicited for donations and cash, only one business man was "too busy," to smilingly assist in the cause of banishing the gaunt specter of want from the homes of our poor and bringing good cheer unto the hearts of such unfortunate. "In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these ye have done it unto me," will be a welcome plaudit to many Vinita Good Fellows when they stand before the judgment seat when their life's work is done here on earth.

Not all the Good Fellows of Vinita were visited. Many whose names are not on this list would have generously contributed had they been asked to aid in the cause. Many had already given for other causes and in other ways. Any way it has been a glorious Xmas day for Vinita people and the donors, the Good Fellows, will get more solid enjoyment and good cheer from their worthy efforts than the recipients will.

Monday George E. Harris, George O. Alexander and W. M. Malone spent the day soliciting money and donations to be used for the purpose of bringing universal joy to the poor of Vinita. The following cash donations were received:

Presbyterian Sunday School.....\$10.00
C. E. Close.....10.00
M. F. Knight.....5.00

W. M. Malone.....10.00
Klingel Furniture Co.....2.00
G. E. Harris.....2.00
J. C. Gray.....2.00
Charles Collins.....2.50
Frank Reed.....2.00
G. B. Dennison.....2.00
Sunny-Pat Hardware Co.....2.00
Butler & Byrd.....2.50
D. M. Marrs.....2.00
R. E. Thompson.....1.00
Johnson Gaston.....1.00
G. C. Finley.....1.00
Dr. King.....1.00
Jasper Martin.....1.00
Harry Bagby.....1.00
A. G. Marrs.....1.00
J. I. Morning.....1.00
S. P. Parks.....1.00
F. M. Winnup.....1.00
Charles B. Mitchell.....1.00
O. L. Connor.....1.00
A. L. Churchill.....1.00
Marks Store.....1.00
G. O. Alexander.....1.00
E. N. Ratcliff.....1.00
D. W. Bottenfield.....1.00
Seymour Riddle.....1.00
J. E. Duffington.....1.00
G. J. Shroers......50
Dr. Frazier.....1.00
Nipp Bros......50

The following merchants generously responded with donations of groceries, meats, clothing, candies, fruits and toys: L. P. Garrison, Roberts Meat Market, Burns Grocery store, Hodges Grocery, Philadelphia Candy store, Herman Bear, Watson store, Andrews Grocery, Golden Rule, L. D. Dalquest, Peoples Grocery, T. B. Archer Grocery store, Empire Meat Market, Mendel's Store, Harry Mead Hardware Co., Cowan Grocery store, Enterprise Grocery, Pearl Grocery, T. T. Wimer Drug company and Judge Frear.

Today at 2 o'clock Messrs. R. E. Thompson, W. B. Coley accompanied by Messrs. Harris, Alexander and Malone will deliver the donations of the Good Fellows. These donations were taken to the Harry Mead Hardware company's place of business last night and put up into packages by a number of Vinita ladies. After the packages were all made up Harry Mead, the big hearted philanthropist added a present to every package in the shape of knives to the boys, scissors to the ladies, drums to the little boys and a useful present to each little girl. A ticket to the Lyric theater was given to every member of all the families remembered on this occasion. Never has there been such universal rejoicing in Vinita as this Xmas will bring.

KAFFIR CORN DAY IN OKLAHOMA

December 26, 1912, will be newspaper kaffir corn day for Oklahoma. The power of the press will be manifest everywhere. The newspaper is the greatest educational factor in Oklahoma. It is educating along practical lines. It will bring more comfort to our homes and greater developments to our state. The newspapers, the railroads, the federal government, the business men and the farmers are all working together for grass, grain, livestock and cotton. We are in the cotton belt. We always should raise some cotton. But a one-crop system never pays. We must have livestock. We have an excellent climate for all kinds of livestock.

Grasses and grains for their development, and finishing can be raised upon every farm. The dependable grass is the big creeping, hardy Bermuda. The sure grain crop is kaffir corn.

For the handling of our livestock we have two as thoroughly equipped packing houses as there are in the United States with a capacity for preparing meats for all of our trade and beyond. Yet we are still sending many thousands of dollars annually into other states for livestock.

The domain of Oklahoma is honey-combed with railroads, equipped to carry stock to the packing centers and distribute the fresh or cured meats to consumers. This is a business proposition. In it we all have an interest. What is to hinder our be-

coming the wealthiest agricultural state in the union? The time is now opportune. "There comes a time in the tide of men, if taken at its flood leads on to fortune."

The Kaffir Corn Special.
The Rock Island system has taken the initiative of the best movement in all of Oklahoma's history.

Other roads will follow. The present season will be one of a general campaign for livestock and dependable crops. From November 25 to December 10, the Rock Island Kaffir Corn Special ran over 1736 miles of its track, stopped at one hundred towns and addressed 2826 people.

The special was manned with about 25 lecturers and helpers, each one an expert in his line.

The federal government furnished a goodly number of the lecturers. The state agent of the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work, Hon. W. D. Bentley of Yukon, Okla., Prof. H. M. Cottrell, agricultural commissioner of the Rock Island lines and John Fields, editor of the Farm Journal are the boomers of this movement.

These men never undertake to do a thing unless it is desirable. They have been planning this movement for a long time. Having put their hand to the plow they will never look back.

It has cost \$5,000 and more, but it will bring the best returns of money ever spent for Oklahoma agriculture. There is reason in it. Grass, grain, livestock, cotton and general prosperity.

From an agricultural standpoint our greatest need is grass. For twenty years we have been experimenting with grass of all kinds. We have but one which has stood the test. It is the big, creeping, hardy Bermuda grass.

Alfalfa is the best forage plant known, but it is an aristocrat, demand-

ing our very best soil.

Bermuda will grow upon all types of soil. Alkali spots, rocky hillsides, gullies, old worn-out cotton plantations, sandy soil which blow, overflow lands not suitable for other crops.

It should be set upon the poorer portions of the farm reserving the better for alfalfa, kaffir corn and cotton. The better the land the better the grass.

It is relished by all kinds of stock. It is the cheapest and best stock food in Oklahoma. For further particulars in regard to varieties, time and manner of setting or winter killing, write F. A. Mitchell, Chandler, Okla., enclosing a stamp for reply. He is a government man whose business it is to answer every inquiry in regard to agricultural matters.

Kaffir corn is the surest grain for Oklahoma. Yet it requires skill to produce it. The seedbed should be as good for that as for any other crops. There isn't any seed requiring greater care than kaffir corn. It should be the black-hulled white variety. It should be carefully selected in the field, tied together in bundles of about ten heads, hung in a dry place and not threshed until the day of planting. It heats readily and if but slightly heated it is destroyed. It should be planted early, soon after corn. Should be cultivated frequently to maintain the earth mulch. It is no harder upon the land than any other crop of equal yield but it is harder on the moisture.

It should not be harvested until after frost and not threshed until dry. A ventilation should be placed in the bin where it is stored.

It isn't worth quite as much for feed as corn but the yield is much better. There is now an established market for the grain. The best market is to feed it to livestock. If we raise Bermuda grass and kaffir corn we can borrow money at 8 per cent to buy stock to feed.

The Outlook.
With alfalfa upon every acre suited to it in Oklahoma, with kaffir corn, cow peas, peanuts upon the second best land, carpet the third best and poorest with Bermuda grass.

Start the women in the chicken business. The girl in canning fruits and vegetables grown upon the farm. For the boy buy a pig and let the pig graze upon Bermuda and be fattened upon kaffir corn.

Start a dairy or raise some baby beef. Sell the mules or the horses, buy some brood mares, pay the mortgages. Bring more comforts to the home and prosperity to Oklahoma.

F. A. MITCHELL,
Chandler, Okla.

Miss Madge Daniels went to Oklahoma City this morning for a visit with friends.

SENATORIAL PROBE LIFTS MORE SCANDAL

Former Financial Agent of State University Gives Testimony.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 23.—Before the senate investigating committee Monday, former financial agent W. W. Williams, of the State University, testified he lost his position with the state following his refusal to accept machinery, which the state board of public affairs had bought and authorized the payment of \$4,995 for, when he could have purchased similar electrical machinery for \$3,890.

The machinery was delivered on the tracks at Norman, Okla., and Williams refused to approve of it or approve of the payment for the machinery. Auditor Leo Meyer, upon approval of R. H. Wilson, paid for the machinery and later Williams was let go as financial agent.

Williams was removed in June, 1911, being succeeded first by Paris Perswell, who resigned when the board of education investigation brought out facts derogatory to his fitness. J. W. Lindsey was then appointed and according to Senator Geo. W. Barefoot, secured his appointment solely through Superintendent R. H. Wilson.

Mrs. J. C. Starr entertained a number of young people at her home Saturday evening in honor of her daughter, Jessie. The guests invited were: Miss Sadye Thompson, Miss Clyde Thompson, Miss Norva Ratcliff, Miss Rose Gill, Miss Louise Davis, Miss Mary Frank Davis, Miss Eileen Coyne, Miss Lois Williams, Miss Gladys Jones, Miss Hildred Williams, Miss Nell McSpadden, Miss Mary McFarland, Miss Jennie M. Camp, Mr. Tom Collins, Mr. John Roper, Mr. Oscar Jones, Mr. Jim Hill, Mr. Harvey Shelton, Mr. Berton McSpadden, Mr. Roy Brady, Mr. Eustace Valentine, Mr. Albert Clink scales, Mr. Harry Wammack, Mr. Ray Jones, Mr. Tom Hill, Mr. Jim Clark, Mr. George Kelley, Mr. Turner Dameron. Everything went off very pleasantly, everybody reporting a good time.

Xmas Hours at Postoffice.

City carriers will make the usual morning trip. General delivery and stamp window will be open from 9 until 11 a. m. The mail will be distributed to the boxes as usual.

S. E. WALLEN, Postmaster.

The Sanders-Wright Store Wish You A Merry Christmas

Store Closed All Day Tomorrow ---Christmas Day

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